

France? No, too French, Disneyland? Been there done that. How about the Grand Canyon? Sure, I've always wanted to go there, and it doesn't cost a fortune. The Grand Canyon has always interested me with its sheer magnitude, size, and impact. Three reasons, off the top of my head, I want to go there are its an informative trip, its overall size, and all the natural parks.

Knowledge is power, and I like power. I really want to know how the Grand Canyon was formed. Every time I ask someone the only answer I get is "A river did it," or "ask your Mom." I could also learn about the local plants and animals, if there are any. Information drives me to go to the Grand Canyon. That's why I want to go.

They say boys like big things, and for me it's totally true. I like big trucks, big guns and big canyons. The Grand Canyon is so big it has "Grand" in its name. The sheer size will surely impact my life forever, and that's a long time. I also want to throw a rock down and see how long it takes to hit the very bottom, I estimate about 1 minute, tops. So please take me to the Grand Canyon.

The final reason I want to go to

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the Grand Canyon are all the National Park, I like nature and to see nature undisturbed by the big city would make me exstastic, I would love to see coyotes, or some of the birds flutter along. Nature is a wonderful thing, stop ruining it, or take me to the Grand Canyon, one or the other, or both. That's the final reason I want to go to the Grand Canyon.

So, that's why I want to go to the Grand Canyon. The information, the size, and all the national parks. Until we meet again I must say goodbye.

Score Point: 5

This response reflects a strong degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer effectively introduces the response by presenting choices and refuting them until the Grand Canyon is chosen as the place to visit. Key reasons are cited to support this choice (it's an informative trip, its overall size, and all the natural parks). The response is generally well organized and contains sophisticated transitions. Some syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are demonstrated (its sheer magnitude, knowledge is power, and I like power, and surely impact my life forever). Further development and a stronger conclusion would be required for a higher score.